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## ZEY PREVOST TELLS JURY OF ARBUCKLE PARTY

### I. R. T. AUDITOR CONFESSES POWER COST FOR QUEENS CO. IS CHARGED AGAINST SUBWAY

Admits This Means a Delay in City Participating in Profits of Lines.

NEVER PAID A DOLLAR.

Interborough Has Earned \$67,867,878 and Has Disbursed \$65,625,000 in Dividends

Edward J. Gaynor, chief auditor of the Interborough, confessed on the witness stand before the Transit Commission this afternoon that the cost of the power used by the bankrupt New York & Queens Railway Co., which is supplied by the Interborough and the Manhattan Elevated, is charged against operations of the subway and the Elevated. The confession was made under pressure of close questioning by Clarence J. Shearn, counsel to the Commission. The Queens County concern has never paid a dollar for the power. Mr. Gaynor's confession means that the city has been paying a share of the cost of operating the street railways in Queens, in which it has no interest whatever.

"Does not this system of making a charge against the Interborough for the cost of power furnished to a subsidiary company of the stockholders of the Interborough tend to postpone the day when the city will begin to get a return from the city-owned subway?" asked Mr. Shearn.

Mr. Gaynor equivocally admitted that the effect would be to delay the participation of the city in the profits of city-owned subway lines.

Earlier in the day Mr. Gaynor admitted that the financial reports of the Interborough submitted to the old Public Service Commission and to the Transit Commission did not properly set forth the true condition of the corporation.

The Transit Commission ordered the Interborough to produce to-morrow copies of the proceedings of the Board of Directors in 1913 and 1919 to ascertain when, how and why dividends were declared and who voted them at a time when dividends were declared and paid but not earned.

The admission was drawn by Mr. Shearn by questions about an item of \$9,885,969 listed as an asset by the I. R. T. representing the value of the New York and Queens County Railway when as a matter of fact the New York and Queens County Railway was a part of the Interborough has produced an operating deficit of \$4,000,000.

Delving into the history of subway construction, Judge Shearn called attention to assets of \$12,000,000 as the cost of the Rapid Transit Construction Company which was organized by those who projected the original contract between the late John B. McDonald and the City of New York to build the first subway. The Rapid Transit Construction Company had a three-quarters interest in the contract.

Mr. Gaynor said the Interborough Company paid \$12,000,000 for the capital stock of the Rapid Transit Construction Company by issuing \$9,885,969 in stock and paying cash amounting to \$2,400,000.

Q. And you had in addition to that, in order to get the contract, to pay Mr. McDonald \$2,500,000? Yes, sir.

Q. For his quarter interest, and there was issued to Mr. Belmont \$1,500,000 of stock, wasn't there? A. Yes, sir.

Q. For his services in procuring the contract? A. Yes.

Mr. Gaynor admitted that in nineteen years that have elapsed since the Interborough invested \$16,000,000 in the subway lease \$320,000 a year should have, by correct accounting, been charged off, or a sum in excess of \$5,000,000 deducted.

Q. And that has not been done. A. It has not.

Q. So that if that had been done, what you have reported here as a surplus would have been a deficit, wouldn't it? A. Well, it would have

### FIANCEE'S ADDRESS AS TOLD BY LANDRU HELPS HIS ENEMIES

Search There Reveals a New Witness to Refute Stories of the "Bluebeard."

VERSAILLES, Nov. 21 (Associated Press).—The dramatic announcement by Henri Landru last week that one of the ten women, for whose murder he is on trial here, lived at a Paris hotel six months after her alleged murder to-day, proved to be a boom-erang.

The prosecution, at the opening of the third week of the trial of the "Bluebeard of Gambais," in the Assizes Court here, said a police investigation had shown that Mme. Heon, the alleged victim in question had never lived at the address Landru gave, but that instead they had found a witness to contradict Landru's testimony.

This witness appeared to-day and testified that Mme. Heon had lived with Landru at one of his numerous apartments, where the prisoner previously had testified she never had been. The witness also contradicted Landru's assertion that another of his alleged victims, Mme. Guillin, had seen alive after the date when the prosecution alleges she was murdered.

The prosecution this afternoon produced a witness who testified he had sold Landru four dozen back-saw blades shortly after the accused took up his residence at Gambais. The theory of the prosecution is that Landru used these saws in connection with the crimes with which he is charged.

VERSAILLES, Nov. 21.—The trial of "Bluebeard" Landru, charged with murdering ten of his 235 alleged fiancées, was expected to be concluded this week.

Entering the last stages of the case to-day, the prosecution presented a number of experts to testify whether the charred bones found at Landru's villa in Gambais were human, and whether it would be possible to burn human bodies in the comparatively small stove. Neighbors told of clouds of ill-smelling smoke arising frequently from the kitchen chimney of the villa.

Landru appeared haggard and drawn, and was intensely nervous to-day.

Taking the witness stand this week will be a girl who has played minor roles on the French stage and was a fiancée of the alleged slayer when he was arrested.

Although called for the prosecution, it

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### MAN TAKEN ILL AT SEA IS CURED VIA WIRELESS

Prescription Is Radioed and Sailor Is Relieved in Four Hours.

Details became known to-day of how a physician of the Public Health Service Hospital on Hudson Street on Saturday cured a patient on the steamship Canadian Volunteer, about 160 miles from New York. Administering his treatment by wireless.

The steamship was relayed from New York on Friday. On Saturday a wireless message to the Seamen's Church Institute, No. 25 South Street, this city, stated, "Seaman suffering from bad swelling over kneecap, unable to move, intense pain, advise."

This message was relayed to the Public Health Service Hospital and Dr. Gray took the case in hand, by radio four hours later reply by radio stated that the directions had been followed and the patient was convalescing.

### MISS ZEY PREVOST ON STAND TO-DAY AS ARBUCKLE ACCUSER

Comedian Nervous as He Hears Repeated the Dying Words of Miss Rappe.

FORCES SELF TO SMILE.

Police With Difficulty Control Crowds Which Rush to the Court Room.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Zey Prevost, one of the prosecution's principal witnesses, was called as the first occupant of the stand at the resumption to-day of the manslaughter trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle.

Miss Prevost attended the Hotel St. Francis party in September at which Arbuckle is alleged to have inflicted injuries which caused the death of Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress. Miss Prevost has been quoted as saying that Miss Rappe, in the presence of the comedian, declared "Arbuckle hurt me."

Arbuckle steeled himself for the most trying ordeal he has undergone since his trial open. He kept his famous film smile firmly set as the words of the girl now dead were repeated in court.

"Arbuckle hurt me," almost the last words of the dying actress, were reiterated by nurses who attended her in her final moments.

Crowds stormed the courtroom long before the doors opened, eager to see Arbuckle as central figure in a real life tragedy. Police had difficulty controlling the crowds, and opening a path through the throng so that Mrs. Minta Durfee Arbuckle, the comedian's wife, and the lawyers could get into the Hall of Justice.

Defense lawyers had their heads together before the session opened, planning a strong fight to twist the testimony concerning Miss Rappe around so it would help Arbuckle. The defense, in cross-examination, intended to make the witnesses swear Miss Rappe told them she was suffering from an ailment which caused her death, and that Arbuckle was not responsible for it.

If the prosecution should place Dr. William Kinnel on the stand the defense will try to show through cross-examination that his failure to diagnose Miss Rappe's illness and administer proper treatment really caused her to die.

It seems to be settled that Mrs. Bambina Maud Delmont, who during the party described her street attire for pajamas, is not to be called by either side. It was decided she could not help either prosecution or defense. It is said.

Miss Alice Blake, also a show girl, will follow Miss Prevost, and is expected to testify that she and Mrs. Bambina Maud Delmont kicked and knocked on the locked door, that Arbuckle opened it, and they then found Miss Rappe in agony, suffering from the injury that caused her death.

### SENATE APPROVES MATERNITY BILL

Amended Measure Now Goes to President Harding—No Record Vote Taken.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The Senate to-day concurred in House amendments to the Maternity Bill and the measure now goes to the President.

There was no record vote.

Under the amended measure \$5,750,000 will be available in the next five years for the care of infancy and maternity in the Nation.

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### ARBUCKLE ACCUSED IN DYING WORDS OF ACTRESS, SHE SAYS



Miss ZEY PREVOST

### FIRE RAGES ANEW ON SHIP AFTER REILY IS LANDED

Blaze Believed to Have Been Caused by Bomb Meant for Governor.

Believing that a fire in No. 2 hold of the Atlantic Fruit line steamship Tanamo, which arrived yesterday from Porto Rico, with Gov. E. Mont Reily and nineteen other passengers, had burned itself out after three and a half days of smothering with live steam, Capt. Herbert Hudson ordered the hatchway removed at 9:30 o'clock this morning while the vessel was at her North River pier at the foot of Rector Street.

The fire is believed to have started aboard in Porto Rico by native enemies of Gov. Reily.

The moment air was admitted to the hold volumes of dense, stifling smoke rolled out and spread over the water front and the flames in the cargo of tobacco, fruit and coconuts broke out afresh. Capt. Hudson, realizing that the fire was beyond any chance of control by his crew, ran to the pier and turned in an alarm.

The fireboats New Yorker, Zophar Mills and Mayor Gaynor soon were alongside and pumping water into holds Nos. 1 and 2, the blaze having eaten its way through the steel wall of the former. Under the weight of water thrown in by the fireboats the Tanamo gradually settled with a list to starboard. She was towed out from the pier, and it may be necessary later on to take her down the bay and beach her on the flats.

As the fireboats appeared to be inadequate, Deputy Chief Edward Worth, in charge of the marine division, asked for help and Deputy Chief Binns ordered engines to the pier. The steel slides and deck of the ship were red hot forward, and firemen were unable to get close to the seat of the blaze.

With the intention of sending men below to fight the fire at close quarters, the Rescue Squad was summoned at 11 o'clock. The members of the squad went aboard with their gas masks and other up-to-date paraphernalia, but Chief Kenlon, who had arrived, refused to allow them to go below deck.

The officers and members of the

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### CHILD ACCUSES FATHER OF MURDERING THREE

WILMINGTON, Ohio, Nov. 21.—A ten-year-old child to-day was the accuser of his father, Oliver Vandervort, under arrest here charged with a triple murder.

Vandervort insisted he was a victim of circumstances in being found in the home of his divorced wife, with the bodies of Bertha Whitton, Vandervort, thirty, her mother, Mrs. J. H. Whitlow, and Howard Bosler, twenty-four, a visitor.

His son, Oliver, however, answered police queries with "Papa did it."

### 10 MILLION FOR BUS LINE, SAYS MAYOR, IF ALBANY PERMITS

Hylan Calls Department Heads to Draft Home Rule Laws for Legislature.

TO MEET WEDNESDAY.

Hylan Asserts Administration Will Show It Really Has a Transit Plan.

Mayor Hylan announced to-day that he will call together his department heads next Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock for the purpose of formulating a programme of proposed laws and amendments to laws which will be submitted to the Legislature in January.

"Now that the people of this city have spoken in no uncertain terms," said the Mayor, "the legislation this city favors will once more be submitted to those who have the power to pass it or reject it. If they reject New York City's programme of relief, its programme of home rule, the burden must be borne by the powers at Albany."

The first step in the city's legislative programme will be an amendment of Chapter 444 of the laws of 1914 so that New York City may have the same power as up state, smaller municipalities to consolidate certain departments if such a scheme would make for efficiency and economy. Such an amendment would permit other important changes if the city saw fit to make them.

"There is absolutely no use doing anything about the city's present charter until Chapter 444 of the laws of 1914 is amended," the Mayor said. The Mayor then announced that the city does not propose giving up its fight for municipal bus lines on a strictly five-cent fare basis.

"We are going to ask the legislature again for authority to operate buses," he said. "It has been claimed by those who speak for the traction interests that the City of New York has no traction programme of its own. Let the legislature give us the power to attend to our own transit affairs and we will show the traction interests and those allied with them whether we have a programme."

"We are prepared to spend \$10,000,000 in the purchase of well-lighted, comfortable and well-ventilated buses. This programme would have been carried out long ago, as the public is generally aware, had it not been for the fact that the Board of Estimate was restrained in a suit in which Guggenheimer, Untermyer and Marshall were counsel. This action is now pending in the Court of Appeals."

"In a nutshell, the object of Wednesday's conference is the formulation of a general home rule programme of legislation."

The Charter Revision Commission, which was provided for by the Legislature when the Meyer Commission was created, has not yet been called into being, and the work of the Meyer Commission has not yet been completed. Unless this commission is organized quickly, the Mayor's own charter revision experts will beat them to it with a definite programme.

### ROCKEFELLER MUST PAY TAX ON STOCK

Supreme Court Rules a Distribution by Illinois Companies Comes Under Law.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—John D. Rockefeller and others who participated with him in the distribution by the Ohio Oil Company and by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company to their stockholders of stock, respectively, in the Illinois Pipe Line Company and the Prairie Pipe Line Company must pay income tax upon the same under a decision to-day by the Supreme Court.

## WILL CUT SERVICE IN ARMY OF FRANCE

### HUGHES DECLARES U. S. IS GRATIFIED OVER CONFERENCE

Expectations on Far East Problem More Than Realized, He Says.

FORCES CUT TO 150,000.

Secretary Calls Attention to the Immense Reduction in U. S. Army.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (Associated Press).—Aristide Briand, seven times Prime Minister of France, held the Arms Conference in a rapid hour to-day, with the world for his audience, while he told of the need of France for a large army. The picturesque "strong man" of France, acknowledged by Lloyd George as having "the finest Parliamentary voice in Europe," was the drawing card which packed Memorial Hall of the Daughters of the American Revolution with such a gathering of distinguished notables as is seldom found under the roof of one building.

The Premier's voice, ordinarily vibrant and penetrating, and particularly rich in overtones, modulated to fill the hall and no more. The effect upon the auditor was as though the statesman was speaking directly and personally to him, rather than to a large gathering. There was no display of "cold storage" eloquence.

M. Briand had before him a slip or two of notes, on the big green table, but he did not refer to them, and in this respect followed his manner of speaking from the tribune of the Chamber of Deputies.

M. Briand radiated force and intellectual power, and to-day his every intonation and gesture indicated that he felt the seriousness of his subject and the great importance to France, indeed, he came to Washington, his friends on the delegation declared, more to make the explanation of the French position on land armaments than for any other purpose.

Five feet six and heavy of body, the French Prime Minister was a striking figure, as fired by his own eloquence he pleaded for adequate protection for his native soil.

A "close-up" of the French Premier shows that his eyes are blue—rather an unusual color among the dark featured Bretons—they are large and expressive of emotion. But they snap and flash fire and appear dark as he plunges headlong into his subject: they are touched again with softness as his voice pleads for France.

Secretary Hughes called the conference to order at 11:01 A. M. after photographs had been taken of the historic occasion for the first time. In introducing the subject of land armaments, Secretary Hughes said

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### TURKEY PRICE SOARS DESPITE BIG SUPPLY

1,035,541 Pounds in Storage, Says State Commissioner.

ALBANY, Nov. 21.—With more turkeys in storage than at any time during the last two years prices ought not to be so high, is the belief of officials of the State Foods and Markets Division. Despite the large quantity available the price here is only slightly lower than that of last year, and that holds true of practically every other article which goes to make up the Thanksgiving dinner, with some prices on a level with the peak of 1919.

Figures issued to-day by the State Commissioner of Agriculture show that early this month there were 1,035,541 pounds of turkey in cold storage in this State, as compared with 11,110 pounds a year ago and 408,421 pounds two years ago.

### Premier, After Arguments on Country's Position, Makes Concession—Hughes Says Will to Peace Is the One Essential.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (United Press).—France, with the world's largest army, is ready to make a reduction equivalent to one-half of its "effective" strength.

With this official declaration by Premier Briand, the Arms Conference to-day began discussion of the third major task—limitation of land armaments.

The cut in the French Army effectiveness could be made, M. Briand said, through a bill in Parliament decreasing the period of compulsory military service from three to one and one-half years. France, however, needs a strong army because of the Russian and German "menaces," the Premier said.

Italy, with an army of about 200,000 men, will make further reductions soon, Senator Schanzer, her chief delegate, said.

Baron Kato, for Japan, said his country was quite ready to give its hearty approval to the principle of reduction of land armaments, but suggested the position of Japan should be considered.

Secretary Hughes closed the speeches by saying, "The one essential is the will to peace."

The conference then sent the question of land armaments to the Committee on Armaments, composed of the heads of delegations of the five leading powers. Adjournment then was taken, subject to Mr. Hughes's call.

Premier Briand's speech, as officially interpreted, follows: "Gentlemen, you will readily admit that I, as the delegate of France, should feel moved when rising to speak this full-sounding platform, whence every word that is said goes to the attentive and anxious ears of the world and of all civilized peoples."

"I wish, first of all, to thank my colleagues of the conference who, on the opening of this public meeting, so kindly allowed me to speak as the representative of my country."

### STATE HAS CONTROL OVER CHICAGO FARE

Supreme Court so Decides in Appeal From Illinois Transit Regulations.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Street car fares in Chicago are subject to regulation by the Illinois Utilities Commission, the Supreme Court to-day ruled, dismissing the case brought by the city, for want of jurisdiction.

The city contended that the State Commission's regulatory powers under its police authority did not give it jurisdiction to regulate the fares of street railways within the city and operated under franchises granted by the municipality which reserved to the city control over fares to be charged.

The decision to-day is considered of wide importance as a precedent in the numerous controversies between municipalities and State Commissions over the regulation of municipal public utilities.

### McLANE OF U. OF P. BEATS FRESHMEN

Wins Junior Cross Country Title To-day Over Van Cortlandt Course.

Elmer O. McLane, University of Pennsylvania, romped home a winner in the three-mile intercollegiate freshman championship race held over the Van Cortlandt Park flat course this afternoon. A good crowd turned out to witness the race, which preceded the annual running of the collegiate cross-country championship run. Due to a wet and soggy track, McLane could not negotiate the distance in better than 16 minutes 26-10 seconds. The first six men to finish were:

Elmer O. McLane, University of Penn., 16:26-10.

Sayman Kerr, University of Penn., 16:42-10.

Harry S. North, Cornell, 18:13.

W. C. Seufert, Princeton, 16:21.

C. Adams, Yale, 16:21.

E. J. Whitlow, Yale, 16:25.

"I am now staying in a country